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In re Application of  
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DECISION GRANTING PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed October 4, 1999 to accord a filing date of October 31, 1997 in the above continuing application.

The petition is **granted** to the extent that the application will be accorded a filing date of November 3, 1997, the date of receipt in the Patent and Trademark Office.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the Karen Creasy at (703) 305-8859.

The application file is being forwarded to Initial Patent Examination. Thereafter, the file will be forwarded to Technology Center 3200 for further processing under 1.62(g).

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